

REMARKS

2 In the October 4, 2001 Office Action the Examiner rejected
3 claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over
4 Andrien U.S. Patent No. 6,207,954 ("Andrien"). Applicant
5 respectfully submits that the Examiner has misconstrued the
6 teachings of Andrien. Specifically, the Examiner states that
7 Andrien teaches an "apparatus comprising first and second
8 capillary sections having an inlet and an outlet, a union having
9 first and second openings." Applicant respectfully disagrees.
10 None of the sections in the specification of Andrien cited by the
11 Examiner discuss or even suggest a capillary having first and
12 second sections joined by a union. Indeed, nothing in Andrien
13 suggests a multiple section capillary joined by a union as
14 claimed in the present application. Therefore, applicant
15 respectfully requests the rejections of claims 1-15 under 35
16 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

2 In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits
3 that the present invention represents a patentable contribution
4 to the art and the application is in condition for allowance.
5 Early and favorable action is accordingly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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